WHALEY BRIDGE
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL

HEALTH REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1970

WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT, 1970.

MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH and HOUSING COMMITTEE (Whole Council).

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Councillor N. W. Broadhead.

Councillor J. Burke.

Councillor Mrs. M. Greenwood. (from May, 1970).

Councillor L. Hardy.

Councillor A. Hulme.

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Councillor J. Smith.

Councillor A. West.

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Councillor H. H. Littlewood.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

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Town Hall, Buxton (Tel. 2061.)

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WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the year 1970

Public Health Department,

Town Hall,

Buxton,

Tel. No. Buxton 2061 Derbyshire.

To the Minister of State for the
Department of Health and Social Security and

The Chairman and Gentlemen.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I present the Annual Report on the Health of the Urban District for the year 1970.

The main causes of death were diseases of the heart and circulation with 27 cases (36%), cancer 15 cases (20%) and vascular lesions of the nervous system 7 cases (9%). These three groups accounted for 65% of the total number of deaths.

The total number of deaths for the year was 75. Of these 34 (45%) were aged 75 and over; 54 (72%) were aged 65 & over and 67 (89%) were aged 55 and over.

The Meals on Wheels Service, inaugurated in 1962, served a total of 1617 meals during the year. This was an increase of 89 meals compared with the previous year. Our thanks are due to Ferodo Ltd., who prepare the meals at a cost of 2s 8d per meal.

I am most grateful to the Chairman and Members of the Health and Housing Committee, to the General Practitioners in the area and to the staff of the Health Department for their co-operation and support during the year.

Your obedient Servant,

H. E. NUTTEN

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Statistics

Area of Whaley Bridge Urban District (in acres) . .	3,479
Estimated Population (mid 1970)	5,340
Number of Inhabited Houses, end of 1970	2,023
Rateable Value	£153,630
Value of Penny Rate	£578

Vital Statistics

	M.	F.	T.
Live Births - Total	30	28	58
Legitimate.	28	26	54
Illegitimate	2	2	4
Stillbirths - Total	-	-	-
Legitimate.	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Total Live & Stillbirths - Total	30	28	58
Legitimate	28	26	54
Illegitimate.	2	2	4
Deaths of infants -			
under 1 year of age - Total	1	-	1
Legitimate . . .	1	-	1
Illegitimate. . .	-	-	-
under 4 weeks of age - Total.	1	-	1
Legitimate . . .	1	-	1
Illegitimate . .	-	-	-
under 1 week of age - Total.	-	-	-
Legitimate . . .	-	-	-
Illegitimate . .	-	-	-
Deaths - all ages	41	34	75

Live birth rates, etc.	Whaley Bridge	England & Wales
Livebirths per 1,000 home population (crude rate) . .	10.9	16.0
Area comparability factor	1.16	1.00
Local adjusted rate	12.6	16.0
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate . . .	.79	1.00
Illegitimate live births as percentage of all live births	7	8
Stillbirth rate		
Stillbirths per 1,000 total live and stillbirths . . .	-	13
Infant mortality rates		
Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births.	17	18
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births .	19	17
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births .	-	26
Neonatal mortality rate		
Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	17	12
Early neonatal mortality rate		
Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births. . . .	-	11
Perinatal mortality rate		
Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths. .	-	23
Deaths rates, etc. - all ages		
Deaths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	14.0	11.7
Area comparability factor	1.00	1.00
Local adjusted rate	14.0	11.7
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.20	1.00

Comparability factors

Since 1954 the Registrar General has issued an "area comparability factor" for each County District and for the County as a whole. The reason for this is to allow for the way in which the age and sex distribution of the local population differs from that for England and Wales as a whole.

Since 1957 the death rate area comparability factors have been adjusted to take into account the presence of residential institutions in the area.

When the local crude birth and death rates are multiplied by the factor, they are comparable with the crude rate for England and Wales.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT

DURING YEAR 1970

Causes of Death	Males	Females	Total
All causes	41	34	75
B18 Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	-	1
B19(3) Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	1	1
B19(4) Malignant neoplasm, intestine	1	2	3
B19(6) Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	5	-	5
B19(7) Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1	1
B19(8) Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1
B19(10) Leukaemia	1	-	1
B19(11) Other malignant neoplasms	-	3	3
B26 Chronic Rheumatic heart disease	2	-	2
B27 Hypertensive disease	-	1	1
B28 Ischaemic heart disease	5	8	13
B29 Other forms of heart disease...	3	1	4
B30 Cerebrovascular disease	4	3	7
B46(6) Other diseases of circulatory system	5	2	7
B32 Pneumonia	3	1	4
B33(1) Bronchitis and emphysema	4	-	4
B46(7) Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1	2
B34 Peptic Ulcer	-	1	1
B46(9) Other diseases, genito -urinary system	2	3	5
B46(11) Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	1	1	2
B42 Congenital anomalies	2	-	2
BE47 Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-	1
BE48 All other accidents	-	3	3
BE49 Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	-	1	1

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

(a) Laboratory Facilities: Pathological and Bacteriological investigations are carried out at the County Public Health Laboratory, 121a Osmaston Road, Derby (Tel. Derby 41513). Chemical Analysis is carried out at the County Analyst's Department, Matlock (Tel. Matlock 3411).

(b) Ambulance Facilities: This is a County Council service with an ambulance stationed at:

Park Road, Buxton. (Tel. Buxton 2012)

Park Road, New Mills. (Tel. New Mills 3333 : 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Buxton 2012 : 7 p.m. - 8 a.m.)

Talbot House, Talbot Road, Glossop (Tel. Glossop 3101 : 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Buxton 2012 : 7 p.m. - 7 a.m.)

(c) Nursing in the Home: This service is administered by the County Council.

(d) Clinics and Treatment Centres:

Name and situation	Clinic held	By whom provided
Child Welfare Clinic Church Hall, Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge.	Wednesday 1.30 to 4.15 p.m.	Derbys. County Council
Chest Clinic, Great Egerton Street, Stockport.	Monday 2.00 - 4.00	Regional Hospital Board
Venereal Disease Clinic, St. Thomas' Hospital, Shaw Heath, Stockport.	Mon., Wed., & Fri.	- do -

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, SECTION 47 AS AMENDED BY THE NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

No action was taken under these powers.

FOOD

Food Poisoning Outbreaks

Four cases of food poisoning were reported.

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES DURING 1970

Age Periods	New Cases			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-
15	-	-	-	-
25	-	-	-	-
35	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	-
55	-	-	-	-
65 & upwards	-	1	-	-
Totals	-	1	-	-

NEW CASES DURING THE YEARS 1961 - 1970

Year	Respiratory			Non-Respiratory			Grand Total
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	
1961	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1962	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
1963	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1964	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
1965	1	1	2	-	-	-	2
1966	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1967	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1968	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1969	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1970	-	1	1	-	-	-	1

ALL CANCER DEATHS

Year	WHALEY BRIDGE		ENGLAND & WALES
	No. of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 population	Rate per 1,000 population
1961	15	2.84	2.162
1962	9	1.69	2.175
1963	7	1.32	2.178
1964	12	2.27	2.209
1965	14	2.65	2.226
1966	18	3.43	2.249
1967	17	3.24	2.275
1968	12	2.26	2.300
1969	11	2.04	2.350
1970	15	2.80	2.342

DEATHS FROM CANCER OF LUNG & BRONCHUS

Year	WHALEY BRIDGE		ENGLAND & WALES
	No. of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 population	Rate per 1,000 population
1961	1	0.19	0.494
1962	1	0.19	0.509
1963	2	0.38	0.520
1964	4	0.76	0.535
1965	3	0.57	0.553
1966	5	0.95	0.562
1967	5	0.95	0.584
1968	1	0.18	0.593
1969	2	0.37	0.610
1970	5	0.94	0.606
Total	28	5.48	5.556
Average (10 years)		0.54	0.55

DEATHS FROM BRONCHITIS AND EMPHYSEMA

Year	No. of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 population
1961	5	0.95
1962	6	1.13
1963	4	0.76
1964	3	0.57
1965	5	0.95
1966	1	0.19
1967	4	0.76
1968	6	1.13
1969	4	0.74
1970	4	0.75

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES FOR THE YEAR 1970

Disease	Total Cases Notified (all ages)	Analysis of Total Cases in age groups												
		Under 1 year	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-59	60 and over	Age Unknown
Measles	6	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	4	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Tuberculosis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-

Under the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1968 which came into operation on the 1st October, 1968 the following is a list of other notifiable diseases:

Acute encephalitis
Acute meningitis
Acute poliomyelitis
Anthrax
Diphtheria
Dysentery (amoebic or bacillary)
Leprosy
Leptospirosis
Malaria
Cholera
Opthalmia Neonatorum
Paratyphoid Fever
Plague
Relapsing fever
Smallpox
Scarlet fever
Tetanus
Typhoid fever
Typhus
Whooping Cough
Yellow fever

WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT

ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT

FOR THE YEAR 1970.

Council Offices,

Reservoir Road,

WHALEY BRIDGE.

Tel. W.B. 2163.

To: The Minister of State for the Department of Health and Social Security.

To: The Chairman and Members of the Council.

It is my pleasure to present the Annual Health Report, for the year ending 31st December, 1970.

The report covers the public health work, undertaken by the Public Health Inspector / Surveyor's Department and is classified into subject headings, which are set out in alphabetical order, as follows:-

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 1963.

Two boarding establishments were licenced under the terms of the above mentioned Act. Each received two detailed inspections and the conditions of the licence together with the appropriate provisions of the Act were found to be complied with in each case.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION.

Daily measurements of smoke and sulphur dioxide were carried out at two schools, during the year. The Schools are located approximately two miles apart at Furness Vale and Whaley Bridge. Measurement was carried out by an 8 port Volumetric Apparatus in each case and all readings were sent to the Department of Trade and Industry, to assist, in the National Survey of Air Pollution.

Technical difficulties were encountered due to the constant flow pump and the siting of the Apparatus on school premises.

Following discussions with Warren Springs Laboratory it is hoped to establish an alternate measuring Station, operating a single port Volumetric Apparatus, in the coming year.

CARAVAN SITES & CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960.

There are two licenced caravan sites within the district. One is residential while the other holds a seasonal licence.

The residential site, which has 3 caravans, is situated in a populated area and is well served by modern amenities. Five inspections were carried out and satisfactory conditions were noted on each visit.

The seasonal licence is for a caravan park, which lies in a sparsley populated area. The park is permitted to contain 30 caravans and a planning application was made to increase this number to 36. Good facilities are provided and the site is well managed. Eight inspections made during the year showed no major contraventions of the Act.

Two bacteriological and chemical samples taken from the private water supply, which serves the site, were found to be satisfactory.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT, 1967.

Local residents have made regular use of the Disposal Centre, for items of bulky refuse, provided in the centre of the district.

Three abandoned vehicles have been disposed of, under the terms of Part III of the above mentioned Act.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

The Factories Acts divide factories into two categories:-

(a) Those with mechanical power.

(b) Those without mechanical power.

Inspections made under the terms of the Factories Acts and Sanitary Accommodation Regulations deal with the health and welfare of the workers employed. Particular attention is paid to cleanliness, ventilation, overcrowding, temperature and drainage (Sections 1, 2, 3, 9 and 6) and sanitary conveniences (section 7.)

In factories with mechanical power H. M. Factory Inspector deals with all of these provisions excepting sanitary conveniences which are dealt with by the Public Health Inspector. Factories without mechanical power are dealt with by the Public Health Inspector.

Below is a summarised list of factories together with the number of inspections made by the Public Health Inspector:-

Premises.	No. on Register.	No of: Inspections.	Written Notices.	Prosecutions.
1. Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are enforced by L.A.	4.	7.	-	-
2. Factories not included above in which Section 7 is enforced by L.A.	43.	51.	-	-
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by L.A.	-	-	-	-

FOOD CONTROL.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960.

There are 62 food shops in the district and they are categorised below, together with an itemised list of inspections, that were carried out during the year.

Type of Shop.	No.	No.of visits made.
Butchers.	7.	10.
Confectioners.	21.	18.
Fish Fryers.	2.	3.
Fishmongers.	2.	1.
Greengrocers.	6.	9.
Grocers.	12.	23.
Mixed Business.	10.	23.
Cafes.	2.	6.
Total.	62.	93.

The most common contraventions of the Regulations were as follows:-

(a) Improper storage of food, particularly in refrigerated containers.

(b) risk of contamination of cooked meat by raw meat.

(c) insanitary storage of waste food.

Verbal cautions proved to be satisfactory in preventing recurrence of these offences, in instances where they were noted.

Slaughter of Animals Acts and Regulations.

There is one licenced private slaughterhouse in the urban district and the two slaughtermen operating there, are licenced by the Council.

Four inspections were made, to observe compliance with the Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958 and conditions were found to be satisfactory, on each occasion.

The Slaughterhouses (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations 1958 were found to be complied with by the local firm of Veterinary Surgeons, who carried out 100% meat inspection during the year.

Details of inspections and condemnations were as follows:-

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART:

	Cattle excluding cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses.
Number killed.	106.	-	-	421.	-	-
Number inspected.	106.	-	-	421.	-	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cystercerci:						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	45.	-	-
Percentage of the Number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci.	-	-	-	10.7%	-	-
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cystercercosis:						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and Totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

Unsound Food.

Refrigerator failures were responsible for the condemnation of frozen foods to the approximate value of £40.00. Temperature control is particularly important with these foods, bacterial growth being rapid in optimum conditions. Certain foods are specifically controlled by Regulations.

The following other foodstuffs were also condemned:-

Food.	Qty.	Wt.(to nearest 1lb.)
Cooked Ham.	1 Tin.	12 lb.

HOUSING.

(a) Council Houses.

At the end of 1970 the Council had 342 houses and bungalows of which 212 houses and 53 bungalows had been erected during the post-war years.

Elderly Persons Accommodation.

The waiting list for elderly persons accommodation has steadily increased over the past few years and, in spite of the provisions already made, there are twice as many applications for elderly persons accommodation as there are for council houses.

To resolve this problem, planning permission was obtained, to build sheltered housing for the elderly, on a flat site within the district.

Following visits to the developments of other Local Authorities, schemes and guide prices were submitted, from several firms, for housing to accommodate approximately 60 persons, in a warden supervised unit.

A firm has been appointed and building work should commence in the coming year.

(b) Private Development.

5 Houses were built by private construction. 170 Houses and bungalows have been built during the post-war years.

(c) Sanitary Defects in Dwellings.

Number of dwellings inspected for housing defects	231.
Number of dwellings where defects were remedied	183.
Number of dwellings where notices were served in consequence of sanitary defects under Public Health Acts.	9.
Number of dwellings where all work was completed by the Local Authority in default, following service of notice.	6.
Number of unfit dwellings where action was taken to prevent re-letting.	NIL.
Number of houses demolished in Clearance Areas. or otherwise.	2.
Number of dwellings where all work was completed by the Owner following the service of Notice	3.

(d) Modernisation of Older Properties - Improvement Grants.

(i) Private Properties.

22 Private properties were improved during the year with the assistance of grant aid. Improvement grants were paid in respect of 6 properties and Standard Grants given for 16 properties.

The total amount payable was as follows:-

Improvement Grants	£ 1,339.
Standard Grants.	£ 2,162.
Total . . .	£ 3,501.

Details of completed improvements can be summarised as follows:-

Provision of fixed bath or shower	13.
Provision of internal W.C.	15.
Provision of hot water supply	15.
Provision of wash hand basin	15.
Provision of damp proofing	3.
Conversion of outbuilding's into a dwelling	1.
Building extensions to accommodate standard amenities.	2.
Improvements and repairs and replacements incidental to improvements.	4.

(ii) Council Properties.

The Council resolved to modernise their pre-war properties, with the assistance of grant aid and schemes were prepared for the modernisation of two such estates. The properties are to incorporate Parker Morris Standards and will meet the 12 point standard of fitness.

As a pilot scheme, a dwelling was improved on one of the aforementioned estates and was opened to the public for a three week period.

OFFICES SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

One additional retail shop was registered, in compliance with this Act. A list of registered premises showing the number of persons employed in them is shown below:-

Class of Premises.	No. registered during year.	Total No. of reg'd premises.	No. of persons employed.
Offices.	NIL.	9.	42.
Retail shops.	1.	41.	173.
Wholesale shops & Warehouses.	NIL.	3.	26.
Catering establishments open to public.	NIL.	6.	30.
TOTALS:	1.	59.	271.

Total no. of males . . . . 112.
Total no. of females . . . 159.

REFUSE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL.

1. Collection.

The collection of refuse was again carried out by direct labour using a 20 cu. yd. Pakamatic vehicle.

The frequency of collection was maintained at 7 days, but periodic attention to the vehicle caused inconveniences.

Means of further reducing the length of time between collections was given detailed consideration. In brief, two conclusions were reached. These were :-

(a) To replace the existing vehicle with a high compression type vehicle, which would require only one daily journey to the tip.

(b) To consider the introduction of a paper or polythene sacks system, or a bin liner scheme.

Demonstrations of several vehicles were carried out under normal working conditions in the district and an order was placed, by the year end, for a high compression vehicle with a 50 cu. yd. nominal capacity.

After consideration of the various methods of refuse collection by paper and polythene containers it was decided to introduce a pilot scheme using plastic bin liners for a trial period. This is to commence in the coming year.

2. Disposal.

Refuse was again disposed of at Buxton Corporation's controlled tip at Hogshaw. The Council are most grateful to Buxton Borough Council for their practical assistance, which typifies the high standard of co-operation that exists, between the two Authorities.

Regional Co-ordination.

The final report of the study undertaken by the Local Government Operational Research Unit was received, following meetings which took place between this body and the technical officers of the High Peak Authorities.

The proposals were for controlled tipping, throughout the High Peak, with specific indications of the sites to be used.

To date these proposals have not been implemented and it appears likely, that the present arrangement with Buxton Corporation will continue, by annual agreement.

RODENT CONTROL.

101 Infestations were dealt with, on complaint, by a part-time Rodent Operator.

A recurring rat infestation, affecting a terrace of eight properties, in different ownerships, required detailed investigations. Structural repairs were carried out, with the co-operation of the Owners and the properties were then successfully treated.

The part time Rodent Operator attended the 3 day Course run by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food and benefitted from the theoretical and practical instruction given, on methods of control, use of baits and safety precautions.

SEWERAGE & SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The Whaley Bridge Joint Sewerage Board receive all public sewers, within the district, at their Furness Vale Works.

Most properties are connected to the main sewerage system, exceptions being those in outlying areas.

Details of foul drainage are as follows:-

No. of premises connected to sewers	1,879.
No. of premises NOT connected to sewers	138.
No. of premises connected to sewers (in 1970)	5.

Closet accommodation in the Area.

Dwellings with Pail Closets	7.
Dwellings with W.C.'s	1,978.

WATER SUPPLY.

The public water supply is controlled by Stockport & District Water Board, who serve approximately 5,300 persons, in 2,000 premises.

Three bacteriological samples of water were taken, from domestic supplies, following complaints from householders. Each one proved to be satisfactory. Two samples, taken from houses situated at the end of supply pipes, also proved to be satisfactory.

Private Supplies.

Samples were taken from eight unrelated properties, each receiving a private supply of water. The supply to two of these properties was found to be highly unsatisfactory. In one case this was due to chemical contamination and in the other, was due to bacterial spoilage.

Appropriate action was taken, by the Owners, in each case, and check samples, taken at later dates, proved to be satisfactory.

In concluding this report, I wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health & Housing Committee, for their co-operation and support during the year. My sincere thanks are also extended to the Council's staff, for their willing assistance at all times.

Your obedient Servant,

B. ASHFIELD,

Public Health Inspector
and Surveyor.